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Acknowledgements

1. Applicants' 'Response' filed September 19, 2006 is acknowledged. This response has been considered.
2. Applicants' 'Amendment under Rule 197' filed Sept 14, 2006 ("First 197 Amendment") is also acknowledged. This amendment has been considered. However, because the First 197 Amendment does not place the claims in condition for allowance, the First 197 amendment has not been entered. The amendment is therefore considered non-responseive.
3. The First 197 Amendment (which was filed after a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board")) was not entered because prosecution is closed and the proposed amendment was not suggested in an explicit statement by the Board under 37 C.F.R. §41.50(c). Moreover, some claims of the First 197 Amendment as proposed have never been before either an examiner or the Board. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.198, prosecution of the proceeding before a primary examiner will not be reopened or reconsidered by the primary examiner after a final decision of the Board except under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (request for continued examination) or 37 C.F.R. §41.50 without the written authority of the Director, and then only for the consideration of matters not already adjudicated, sufficient cause being shown.
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to SPE Andrew J. Fischer at telephone number (571) 272-6779.

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